



PIKE COUNTY POCOSIN

Pike County Pocosin consists of 2 acquisitions (Nos. 12 and 85) totaling 333 acres. The tract supports two unique plant communities: an uncommon upland scrub-hardwood/longleaf pine/reindeer moss vegetation type and 'pocosin', an unusual evergreen plant community occurring in deep ravines.

It also serves to partner with Troy University, which owns 17 acres of pocosin habitat, in support of environmental education programs at the university.

Recreational opportunities include hunting and wildlife observation.

Directions:

From Montgomery, take US 231 South through Troy (approximately 46 miles) to Pike Co. Rd. 14/Swindall Road. Turn left on Co. Rd. 14 and go approximately 2.2 miles to Elm Street. Turn right on Elm Street/Co. Rd. 26 and go approximately 0.3 miles to Clayhill Road. Turn right on Clayhill Road and roadside parking is available approximately 0.2 miles ahead on the right.

Coordinates to the parking area:

N 31.789953
W -85.892389



Crested Coralroot



Spring Peeper

Crested Coralroot (*Hexaletris spicata*) is an uncommon native orchid found in moist forest soils. Rather than receiving its nutrients from the sun through photosynthesis, it is mycotrophic, receiving nutrients from fungi in the soil. It blooms around the 4th of July in Alabama. 55 species of native orchids occur in Alabama.

